REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: Meat Puppets

Other Known Title: Not Stated

Format: DVD

Director/Author: Martin Del Toro

Producer/Publisher: Not Stated

Country of Origin: USA

Language: English

Applicant: The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.

Distributor: Calvista NZ Ltd

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive Note: Not Applicable

Display Conditions: Not Applicable

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Date of direction to issue a label: Not Applicable

OFLC No: 701164

Unexcised version of publication:

	Components	**Running time**
Menu:	Play Scenes Quickies	
Feature:	Meat Puppets	80.53
Other timed components:	Warning / AICO Notices X18+ Notice X18+ Notice (x2) Your Mom Double Socket	0.40 0.10 0.06 0.59 1.00
Total running time:		83.48

Excisions: No Excisions Recommended

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

Summary of reasons for classification:

The DVD entitled *Meat Puppets* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The main component of the DVD is a feature that consists of five scenes of explicit sexual activity between men and women. This feature contains a high extent and degree of degrading, dehumanising and demeaning sexual conduct. The very nature of the degrading, dehumanising and demeaning conduct throughout this publication presents women as an inherently inferior gender. The pervasiveness of the problematic material is such that excisions are considered impractical and a classification of objectionable is necessary in order to avoid the risk of injury to the public good.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications that present degrading, dehumanising and demeaning conduct of such a high extent and degree be made objectionable.